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SUBJ ECOSOC- JOINT ACC/ CPC MEETING

1. REFERRING TO ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1771 (54 TH) / SYG
WALDHEIN OPENED THE JOINT MEETING OF ACC/ CPC WITH A CALL FOR
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO IMPROVE THE ACC/ CPC
DISCUSSIONS, STATING WHILE TOPICS ON AGENDA IMPORTANT
HE FELT THAT ACC/ CPC MISSING OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
" BURNING ISSUES". HE FELT FORMAL GROUP DIALOGUE NATURE OF
MEETINGS LED TO " STATELY MINUET" NOT CONDUCIVE TO EFFECTIVE
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. CHAIRMAN CPC STATED AGREEMENT WITH SYG, BUT THAT HE FELT THAT
MEETINGS TOO BRIEF EVEN FOR EFFECTIVE DISCUSSION OF ONLY TWO
AGENDA ITEMS, NOTING THE CALL FOR MORE INFORMAL DISCUSSION IN
UK INTRODUCED RESOLUTION 1771, REQUESTED IDEAS FROM THE
ATTENDEES OF THE JOINT MEETING. OVERALL THRUST OF ENSUING
DISCUSSION, BOTH BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WAS THAT THE JOINT MEETING SHOULD BE
CULMINATION OF A YEAR LONG CLOSER ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE SA'S
AND THE VARIOUS DELIBERATIVE BODIES OF THE COUNCIL RATHER THAN
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AN ISOLATED " ONE SHOT" YEARLY OCCASION. THERE APPEARED TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE SESSIONS WERE TOO SHORT TO BE EFFECTIVE, BUT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A CONSENSUS ON WHAT CONSTITUTED " BURNING ISSUES". TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SUGGESTED IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE SAHELIAN ZONE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF THE JOINT MEETINGS, WHILE MAHEU (UNESCO) BELIEVED THAT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF METHODOLOGIES FOR IMPROVED INTEGRATED PLANNING FLOW FROM CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS. DE SEYNES (ESA) DISAGREED WITH MAHEU STATING THAT METHODOLOGIES SHOULD BE WORKED OUT FIRST TO GIVE FRAMEWORK FOR CONSIDERATION SUBSTANTIVE INTEGRATED PLANNING. BOERMA (FAO) SUGGESTED UNSTRUCTURED DISCUSSION ON TOPICS RAISED FROM THE FLOOR MIGHT BE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF IMPROVING CONTENT OF DISCUSSION.

3. DISCUSSION THIS TOPIC CAME TO END WHEN SOVIET DELEGATE DISPARAGED DISCUSSION AS REPETITIVE OF MANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, STATING PERHAPS THE SECRETARIES SHOULD REMEMBER WHAT WAS SAID ON PRIOR OCCASIONS, NOT IMMEDIATELY FORGETTING RECOMMENDATIONS ONCE SESSIONS CONCLUDED. HE THEN COMMENCED TO READ USSR POSITION ON AGENDA TOPIC ON PRIOR CONSULTATIONS ONLY TO BE ANGRILY GRAVELED OUT OF ORDER BY SYG, WHO DISAGREE WITH SOVIET VIEW, STATING HE WAS TIRED OF HEARING CRITICISM WITHOUT DELEGATES COMING TO GRIPS WITH THE PROBLEM. HE STATED HE HAD TRIED TO OPEN FRANK DISCUSSIONS OF EFFECTIVENESS OF JOINT MEETINGS, THANKED THOSE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED USEFUL IDEAS AND CALLED FOR SECRETARIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNMENTS TO THINK ABOUT THESE IDEAS BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ACC/ CPC. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA TOPIC ON PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WAS THEN TAKEN UP BY MEETING.

4. COMMENT: SYG' S ANGRY REACTION TO SOVIET SOMEWHAT TACTLESS ATTEMPT TO CUT OFF DISCUSSION AND GET ON WITH AGENDA CAME AS SURPRISE TO MEMBERS OF JOINT MEETING, PRESUMABLY INDICATING SERIOUSNESS WHICH SYG VIEWS NEED TO EITHER IMPROVE MEETINGS OR ELIMINATE THE JOINT MEETINGS. IT ALSO INDICATES HIS INCREASING SENSITIVITY TO CRITICISM. HOWEVER, SYG HAD NOT PREPARED GROUND WORK FOR DISCUSSION WITH EITHER GOVERNMENTS OR SECRETARIES SO THAT DISCUSSION LAGGED WHILE THOUGHTS WERE COLLECTED AND ENSUING DISCUSSION WAS SOMEWHAT INCOHERENT. BASSIN

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